

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Brian Hoven, on February 17, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R) - arrived after roll call
Sen. David Howard (R) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D) - arrived after roll call

Members Excused: Sen. Mary Caferro (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 285, 2/13/2015; SB 287, 2/13/2015; SJ 11, 2/13/2015

Executive Action: HB 206 - Be Concurred in as Amended
HB 265 - Be Concurred in
SB 232 - Do Pass as Amended

HEARING ON SJ 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:53 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SJ 11, Resolution requesting removal of brucella abortus from federal list.

[EXHIBIT\(ags36a01\)](#)

00:04:12 Sen. Howard entered the hearing.

00:05:35 Sen. Wolken entered the hearing.

00:06:19 Chairman Brown entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:39 Joe Cohenour, self

[EXHIBIT\(ags36a02\)](#)

00:08:46 Kurt Alt, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

00:09:08 Sen. Hansen entered the hearing.

00:09:42 Kit Fischer, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

[EXHIBIT\(ags36a03\)](#)

00:10:50 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:12:12 Ken McDonald, administrator, Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:13:01 Martin Zaluski, state veterinarian, Department of Livestock (DOL)

00:14:09 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:15:06 Elena Evans, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:15:35 Mike Mease, Buffalo Field Campaign

00:16:56 Rhonda Lanier, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:41 Sen. Moore

00:18:47 Mr. Zaluski, DOL

00:19:30 Sen. Brown

00:20:06 Mr. Zaluski

00:21:11 Sen. Brown

00:21:23 Mr. Zaluski

00:22:11 Sen. Hansen

00:24:18 Sen. Phillips

00:25:21 Sen. Hansen

00:25:38 Sen. Phillips

00:25:52 Sen. Moore
00:26:26 Mr. Zaluski
00:27:36 Sen. Moore
00:27:57 Mr. Zaluski
00:28:25 Sen. Hansen
00:28:47 Mr. Zaluski
00:29:57 Sen. Hansen
00:30:18 Mr. Zaluski
00:30:52 Sen. Hansen
00:31:01 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:31:27 Mr. Zaluski

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:12 Sen. Phillips
00:34:57 Sen. Hoven
00:35:03 Sen. Phillips

00:35:37 Chairman Brown assumed the role as chair.

HEARING ON SB 285

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:24 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 285,
Generally revise laws relating to reporting of animal cruelty and abuse.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:29 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:43:15 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
00:44:02 Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:38 Nanette Gilbertson, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
(ASPCA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:13 Sen. Howard
00:50:41 Sen. Phillips
00:50:47 Sen. Howard
00:51:26 Sen. Phillips
00:52:17 Sen. Howard
00:52:33 Sen. Cohenour
00:53:45 Sen. Phillips
00:53:52 Sen. Cohenour

00:54:03 Sen. Phillips
00:54:12 Sen. Cohenour
00:54:16 Chairman Brown
00:54:21 Sen. Wolken
00:54:38 Sen. Phillips
00:55:06 Sen. Wolken
00:55:17 Chairman Brown
00:55:57 Mr. Rice, MSGA
00:57:15 Chairman Brown
00:58:46 Mr. Rice
01:00:15 Sen. Cohenour
01:00:29 Mr. Rice
01:01:03 Sen. Cohenour
01:02:36 Mr. Doggett, MVMA
01:04:08 Sen. Cohenour
01:04:21 Mr. Doggett
01:04:57 Sen. Wolken
01:05:34 Sen. Moore
01:05:46 Sen. Wolken
01:06:30 Sen. Moore
01:07:11 Sen. Hoven
01:08:23 Sen. Phillips

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:57 Sen. Phillips

HEARING ON SB 287

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:48 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 287,
Generally revise the selection process for the board of livestock.

[EXHIBIT\(ags36a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:16:29 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
01:18:34 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:19:48 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks, Recorders, and Election
Administrators

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:44 Sen. Wolken

01:24:27 Sen. Moore
01:25:10 Sen. Swandal
01:26:08 Chairman Brown
01:26:21 Sen. Moore
01:26:54 Sen. Howard
01:27:54 Sen. Moore
01:28:06 Sen. Cohenour
01:28:37 Sen. Moore
01:29:18 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:30:00 Sen. Moore
01:30:28 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:31:32 Sen. Moore
01:31:52 Chairman Brown
01:32:36 Sen. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

01:34:33 Sen. Moore

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 206

01:35:25 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HB 206 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:35:56 Sen Cohenour

01:36:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **HB 206 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Caferro was excused.

EXHIBIT(ags36a05)

01:37:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. T. Brown moved that **HB 206 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro voted by proxy. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 265

01:38:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hoven moved that **HB 265 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro voted by proxy. Sen. Hansen will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 232

01:40:52 **Motion:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SB 232 DO PASS.**

01:41:00 **Motion:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SB 232 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:41:31 Sen. Moore

01:42:01 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:42:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Caferro was excused.

01:42:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SB 232 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro voted by proxy.

Committee Bussiness:

01:43:35 Chairman Brown

01:44:16 Sen. Moore

01:44:39 Chairman Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ags36aad.pdf](#))